

SENATE BILL NO. 440

BY SENATORS RISER, THOMPSON AND WALSWORTH AND REPRESENTATIVE
HOFFMANN

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:490.2(B), 490.3(A), 490.5(B), 490.6(A), 490.8(A), 490.9(A),
3 490.10(A), 490.11(A), 490.12(A), 490.13(A), 490.14(A), 490.15(A),
4 490.17(A)(introductory paragraph), 490.18(B), 490.19(A), 490.20(B), and
5 490.21(B), relative to military honor license plates; to provide for all such license
6 plates for motorcycles; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 47:490.2(B), 490.3(A), 490.5(B), 490.6(A), 490.8(A), 490.9(A),
9 490.10(A), 490.11(A), 490.12(A), 490.13(A), 490.14(A), 490.15(A), 490.17(A)(introductory
10 paragraph), 490.18(B), 490.19(A), 490.20(B), and 490.21(B) are hereby amended and
11 reenacted to read as follows:

12 §490.2. Military honor license plates for former prisoners of war

13 * * *

14 B. Upon application of a former prisoner of war, the secretary shall issue
15 military honor license plates, to be used in lieu of the regular motor vehicle
16 registration license plates **for passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles,**
17 **motorcycles, and vans,** which plates shall contain the designation "XPOW"
18 followed by such numbers as the secretary finds expedient. The applicant shall
19 comply with the state laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles
20 and shall, at the time of application, present such proof of status as a former prisoner
21 of war as shall be acceptable to the secretary.

22 * * *

23 §490.3. Military honor license plates for members of the Louisiana National Guard

24 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
25 establish military honor license plates for passenger cars, pickup trucks, vans,
26 **motorcycles, recreational vehicles,** and motor homes that may be issued to any

1 active member of the Louisiana National Guard upon such member's application.
2 The license plate shall bear either the official emblem of the guard or the letters
3 "LANG" followed by such numbers as the secretary finds expedient, and he shall
4 establish such rules and regulations as are necessary.

5 * * *

6 §490.5. Military honor license plates for Congressional Medal of Honor recipients

7 * * *

8 B. Upon application of a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, the
9 secretary shall issue a military honor license plate to be used in lieu of the regular
10 motor vehicle registration license plates on passenger cars, pickup trucks,
11 recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans. The center portion shall have the
12 state seal on the left, the owner's initials in the center, with such license numbers as
13 the secretary finds expedient underneath, and the seal of the Congressional Medal
14 of Honor Society on the right. The words "Congressional Medal of Honor" shall be
15 printed across the bottom of the license plate. With the exception of these special
16 designations, the overall design and color of the plate shall be in general compliance
17 with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The applicant shall comply with the state laws relating to
18 registration and licensing of motor vehicles and shall, at the time of application,
19 present such proof of status as a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient as shall be
20 acceptable to the secretary.

21 * * *

22 §490.6. Military honor license plates for participants in Operation Desert
23 Shield/Desert Storm

24 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
25 establish military honor license plates for motor vehicles restricted to passenger cars,
26 pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans, which may be issued
27 upon application of any citizen of Louisiana who was a member of the United States
28 armed forces or of the Coast Guard who served in Operation Desert Shield/Desert
29 Storm as certified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

30 * * *

§490.8. Military honor license plates for Louisiana members and retired members
of the reserve forces of the United States

A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
establish military honor license plates that may be issued, upon application, to any
citizen of Louisiana who is an active member of the military reserve forces of the
United States. The license plate shall bear either the official emblem of such reserve
forces or the words "U.S. Reserve Forces" and such numbers as the secretary finds
expedient, and he shall establish such rules and regulations as are necessary. The
plates provided for herein shall be surrendered to the secretary upon termination of
active military reserve duty. The license plate shall be available for use on
passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

* * *

§490.9. Military honor license plates; World War II veterans

A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
establish military honor license plates for motor vehicles restricted to passenger cars,
pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans, which may be issued
upon application of any citizen of Louisiana who was a member of the United States
armed forces or of the Coast Guard who served in World War II.

* * *

§490.10. Military honor license plates for certain veterans of the United States
Marine Corps

A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
establish military honor license plates for motor vehicles restricted to passenger cars,
pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans, which may be issued,
upon application, to any veteran of the United States Marine Corps who is a member
of the Marine Corps League. The license plate shall be of a color and design selected
by the secretary.

* * *

§490.11. Military honor license plates for Laos War veterans

A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall

1 establish military honor license plates for motor vehicles restricted to passenger cars,
2 pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, **motorcycles**, and vans, which may be issued,
3 upon application, to any veteran who served in the Laos War after July 1, 1961, and
4 before July 1, 1978. The military honor license plates shall be of a color and design
5 which are in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). However, the plate shall bear the
6 inscription "Laos War Vet."

7 * * *

8 §490.12. Military honor license plates; veterans of the Cold War

9 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
10 establish military honor license plates for motor vehicles restricted to passenger cars,
11 pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, **motorcycles**, and vans, which may be issued,
12 upon application, to any veteran or retired veteran of the armed forces of the United
13 States who served at a time during the Cold War which began on May 8, 1945, and
14 terminated on December 25, 1991. The license plate shall be of a color and design
15 which is in general compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). However, the plate shall bear
16 the name of the appropriate branch of the armed services and shall designate "COLD
17 WAR VETERAN" or "RETIRED COLD WAR VETERAN" as the case may be.

18 * * *

19 §490.13. Military honor license plates for veterans of the Vietnamese Conflict

20 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
21 establish military honor license plates for motor vehicles restricted to passenger cars,
22 pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, **motorcycles**, and vans, which may be issued,
23 upon application, to any veteran or retired veteran of the armed forces of the United
24 States who served in the Vietnamese Conflict. The license plate shall be of a color
25 and design which is in general compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). However, the
26 plate shall bear the name of the appropriate branch of the armed service and shall
27 designate "VIETNAM VETERAN" or "RETIRED VIETNAM VETERAN" as the
28 case may be.

29 * * *

30 §490.14. Military honor license plates for veterans of the Korean War

* * *

* * *

* * *

* * *

Coding: Words which are ~~struck through~~ are deletions from existing law; words in **boldface type and underscored** are additions.

1 plate on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and
2 vans. The license plate shall bear a number prefixed by "PH". "PURPLE HEART"
3 shall be printed under the number.

4 * * *

5 §490.19. Military honor license plates; U.S. Army Airborne

6 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
7 establish a military honor license plate to be known as the U.S. Army Airborne plate.
8 The license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks,
9 recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

10 * * *

11 §490.20. Military honor license plates; Iraq Campaign Veteran

12 * * *

13 B. Upon application of an Iraq Campaign Medal recipient, the secretary of
14 the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall issue a military honor license
15 plate to be used in lieu of a regular motor vehicle registration plate. The license
16 plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational
17 vehicles, motorcycles, and vans. The military honor license plate shall be known as
18 the "Iraq Campaign Veteran" license plate and shall bear a likeness of the Iraq
19 Campaign Medal centered on the left side of the license plate and the words "Iraq
20 Campaign Veteran" centered on the bottom of the plate under the license plate
21 number.

22 * * *

23 §490.21. Military honor license plates; "Afghanistan Campaign Veteran"

24 * * *

25 B. Upon application of an Afghanistan Campaign Medal recipient, the
26 secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall issue a military
27 honor license plate to be used in lieu of a regular motor vehicle registration plate.
28 The license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks,
29 recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans. The military honor license plate shall
30 be known as the "Afghanistan Campaign Veteran" license plate and shall bear a

4 * * *

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____